

STAKEHOLDER  
ADVISORY FORUM  
MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2002

# PRESENTATION

- REVISIONS TO MODEL (since SAF on Feb. 21, 2002)
  - Hydraulic conductivity
- STEADY-STATE CALIBRATION
  - Calibration results
- TRANSIENT DATA COMPILATION

# REVISIONS TO MODEL

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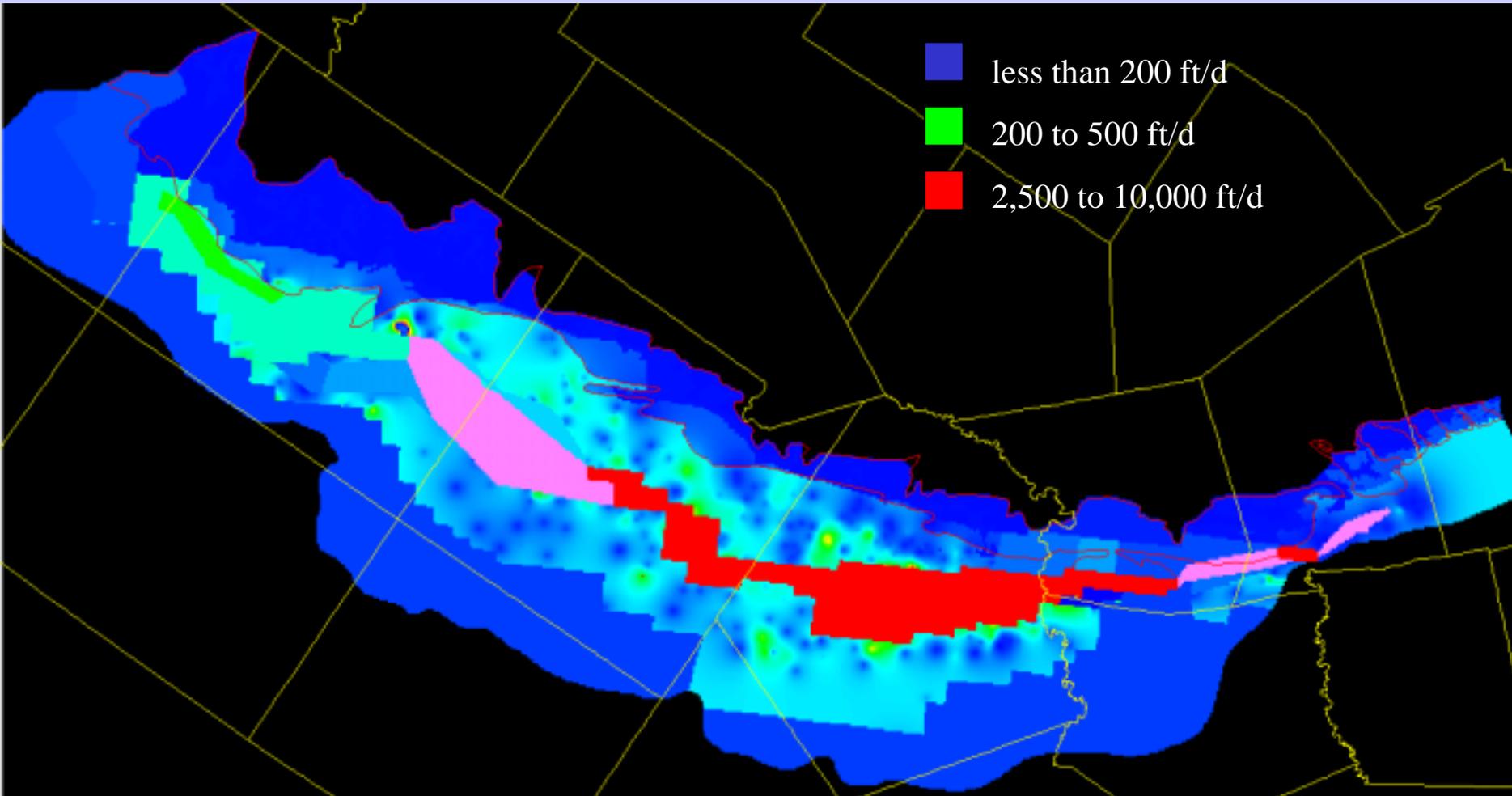
# HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY

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Base distribution from SWRI (Version 1)

[Derived from aquifer tests]

(As of 02/21/02 – To be revised)



# **EXPECTED REVISIONS TO HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY**

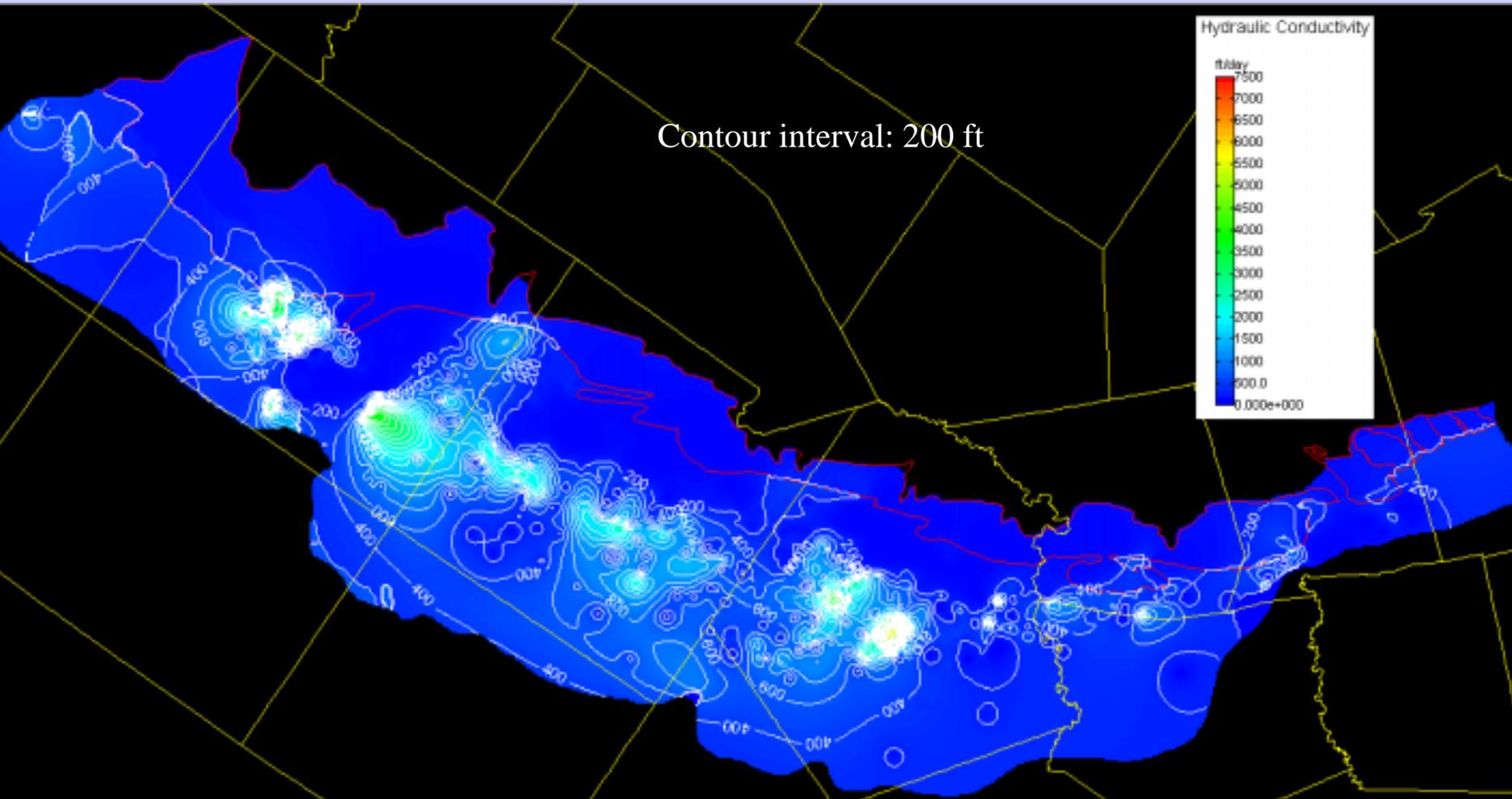
**(as of Feb. 21 SAF meeting)**

- Revised K distribution from SWRI
  - based on aquifer tests and measured hydraulic heads (SWRI version 2)
  - based on aquifer tests and measured hydraulic heads and springflows (SWRI version 3)
- Mapped narrow high K zones (conduits—Steve Worthington)
  - based on potentiometric surface maps, sinking (losing) streams, geologic structures, and water chemistry
- Measured hydraulic heads and springflows (model calibration)

# HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY

## SWRI (Version 2)

[Derived from aquifer tests and measured hydraulic heads]

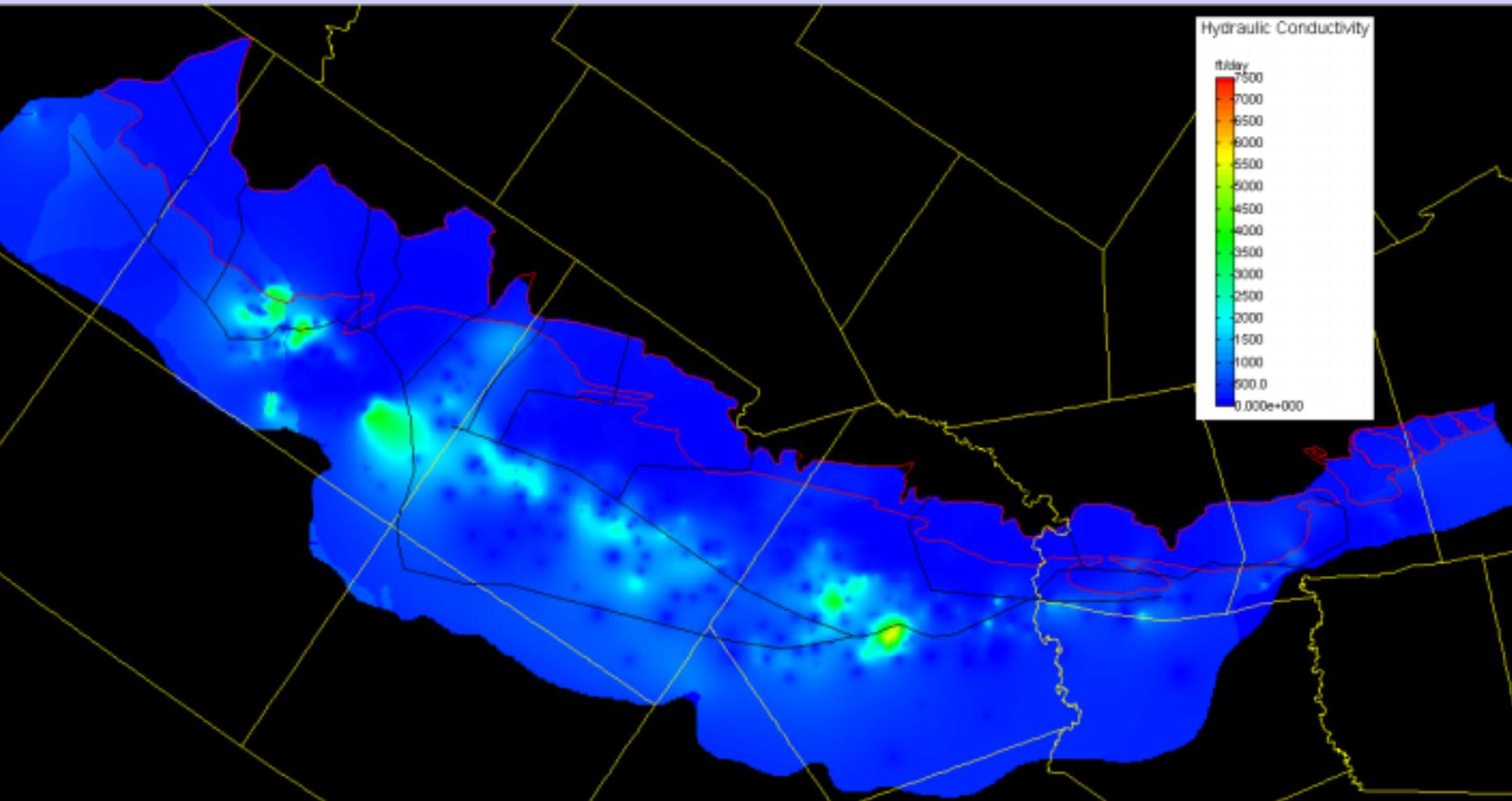


# CONDUITS (mapped by Steve Worthington)



# HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY

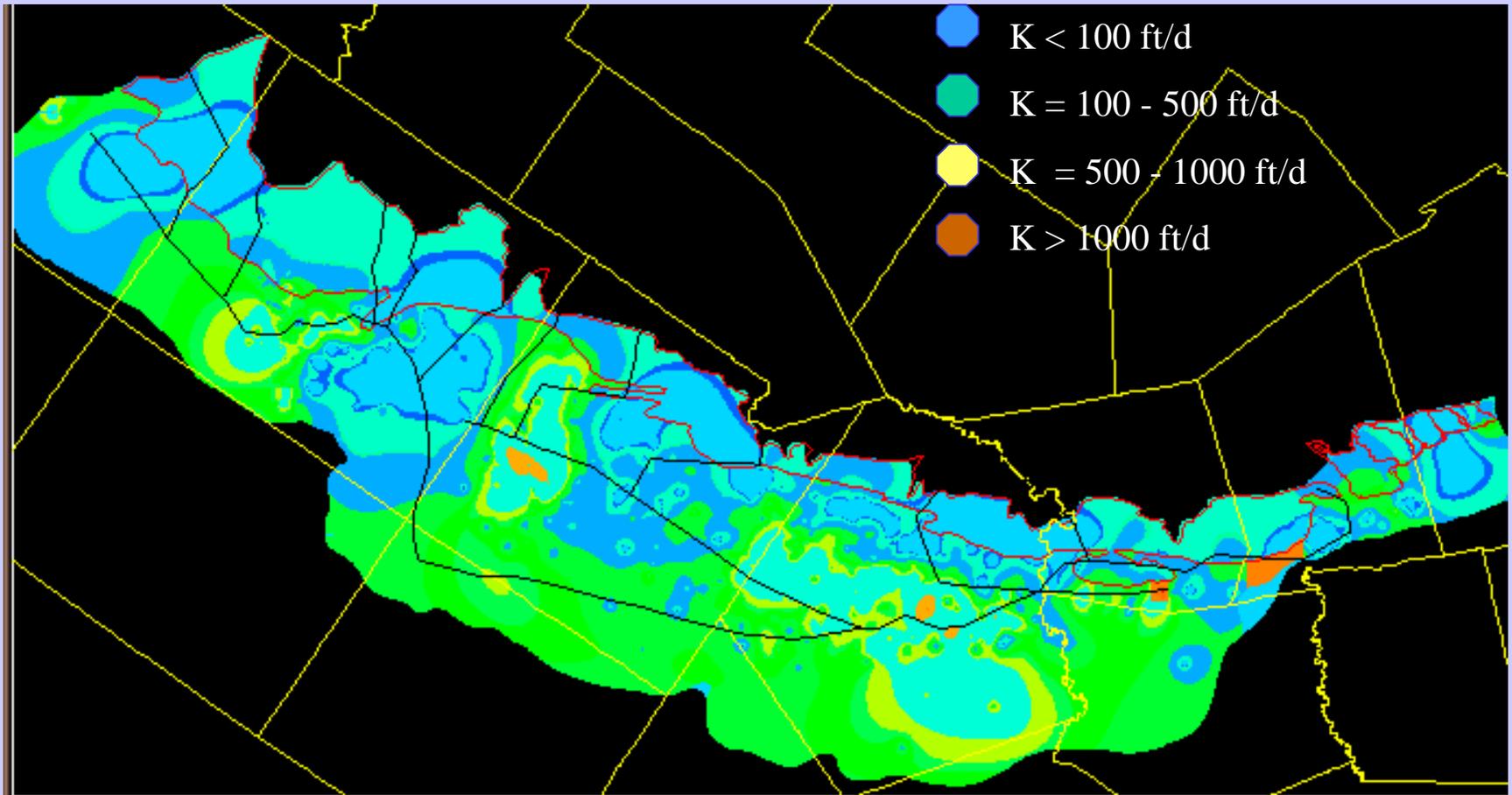
## SWRI (Version 2) + Conduits



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## SWRI (Version 3) + Conduits

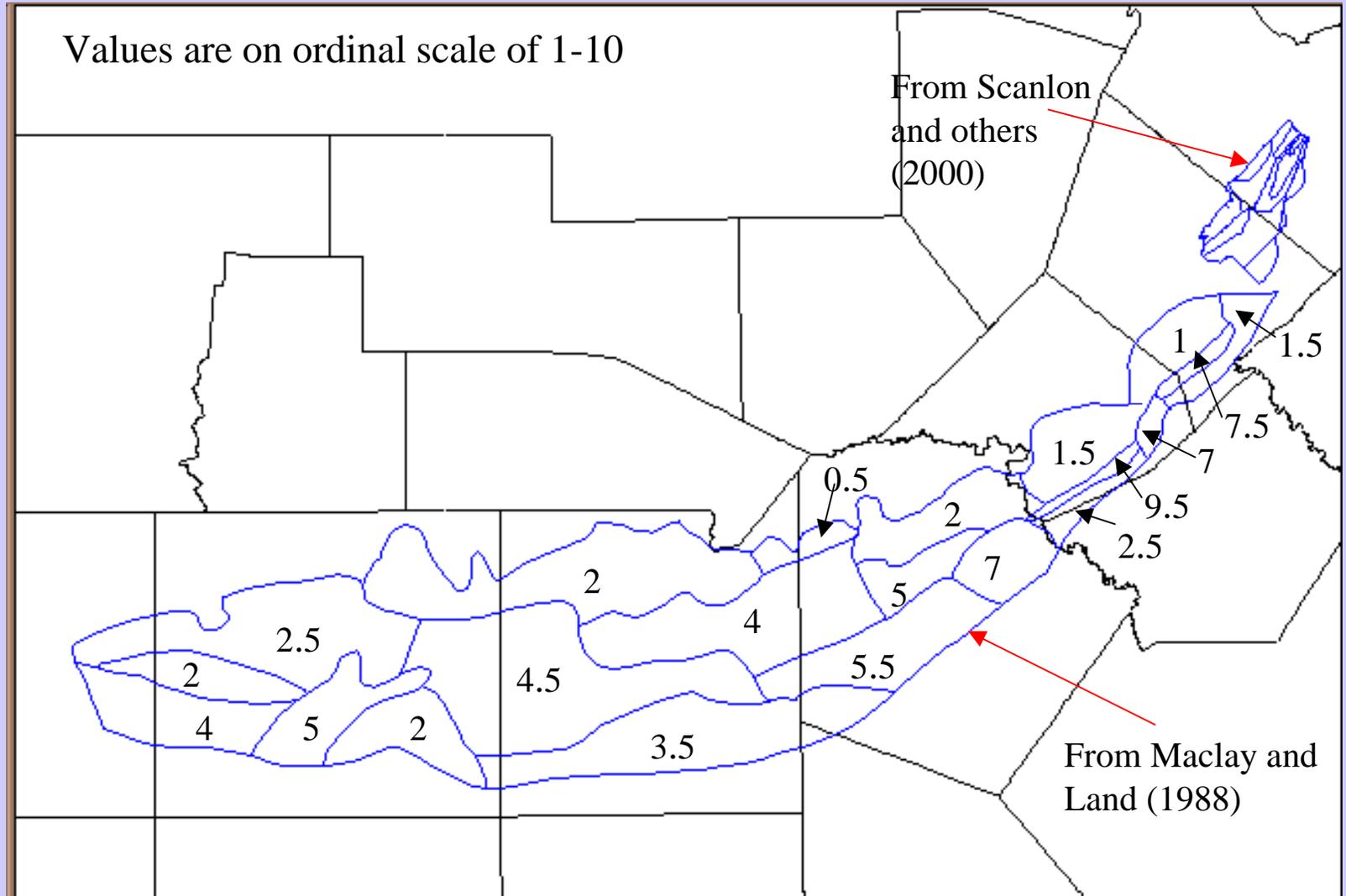
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# HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY

- Results of April 19, 2002 meeting:
  - ✓ Do not use SWRI hydraulic conductivity (K) distributions as “base”
    - deficiencies in aquifer test data
    - statistical; not based on hydrogeology
  - ✓ Use transmissivity sub areas as defined by Maclay and Land (1988) (fig. 10) as “base”
  - ✓ Overlay conduits defined by Steve Worthington on “base” K distribution

# HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY ZONES

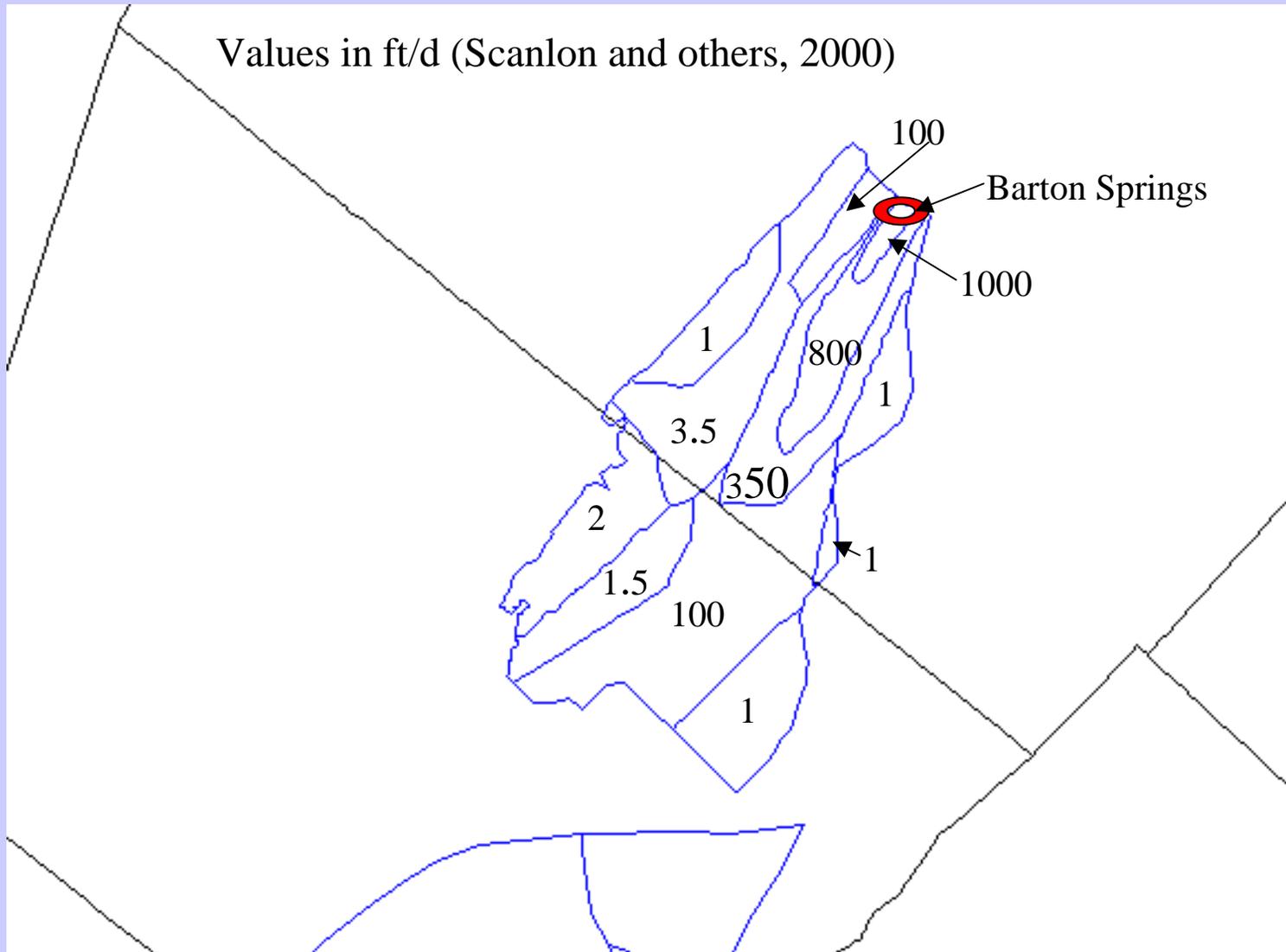


# HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY ZONES

(based on Maclay and Land, 1988)

| Subarea | Model zone # | Trans (ordinal range) | Trans (ordinal average) | K Log min 1 ft/d | K Log min 10 ft/d |
|---------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| A       | 1            | 1-3                   | 2                       | 6                | 38                |
| B       | 2            | 0-5                   | 2.5                     | 9.5              | 56                |
| C       | 3            | 0-4                   | 2                       | 6                | 38                |
| D       | 4            | 0-1                   | 0.5                     | 1.6              | 14                |
| E       | 5            | 0-4                   | 2                       | 6                | 38                |
| F       | 6            | 0-3                   | 1.5                     | 4                | 28                |
| G       | 7            | 0-2                   | 1                       | 2.4              | 20                |
| H       | 8            | 3-5                   | 4                       | 40               | 160               |
| I       | 9            | 3-7                   | 5                       | 100              | 310               |
| J       | 10           | 1-3                   | 2                       | 6                | 38                |
| K       | 11           | 3-6                   | 4.5                     | 64               | 220               |
| L       | 12           | 3-4                   | 3.5                     | 25               | 110               |
| M       | 13           | 3-5                   | 4                       | 40               | 160               |
| N       | 14           | 4-7                   | 5.5                     | 160              | 440               |
| O       | 15           | 4-6                   | 5                       | 100              | 310               |
| P       | 16           | 6-8                   | 7                       | 600              | 1250              |
| Q       | 17           | 2-3                   | 2.5                     | 9.5              | 56                |
| R       | 18           | 9-10                  | 9.5                     | 6400             | 7000              |
| S       | 19           | 6-8                   | 7                       | 600              | 1250              |
| T       | 20           | 7-8                   | 7.5                     | 1000             | 1750              |
| U       | 21           | 1-2                   | 1.5                     | 4                | 28                |

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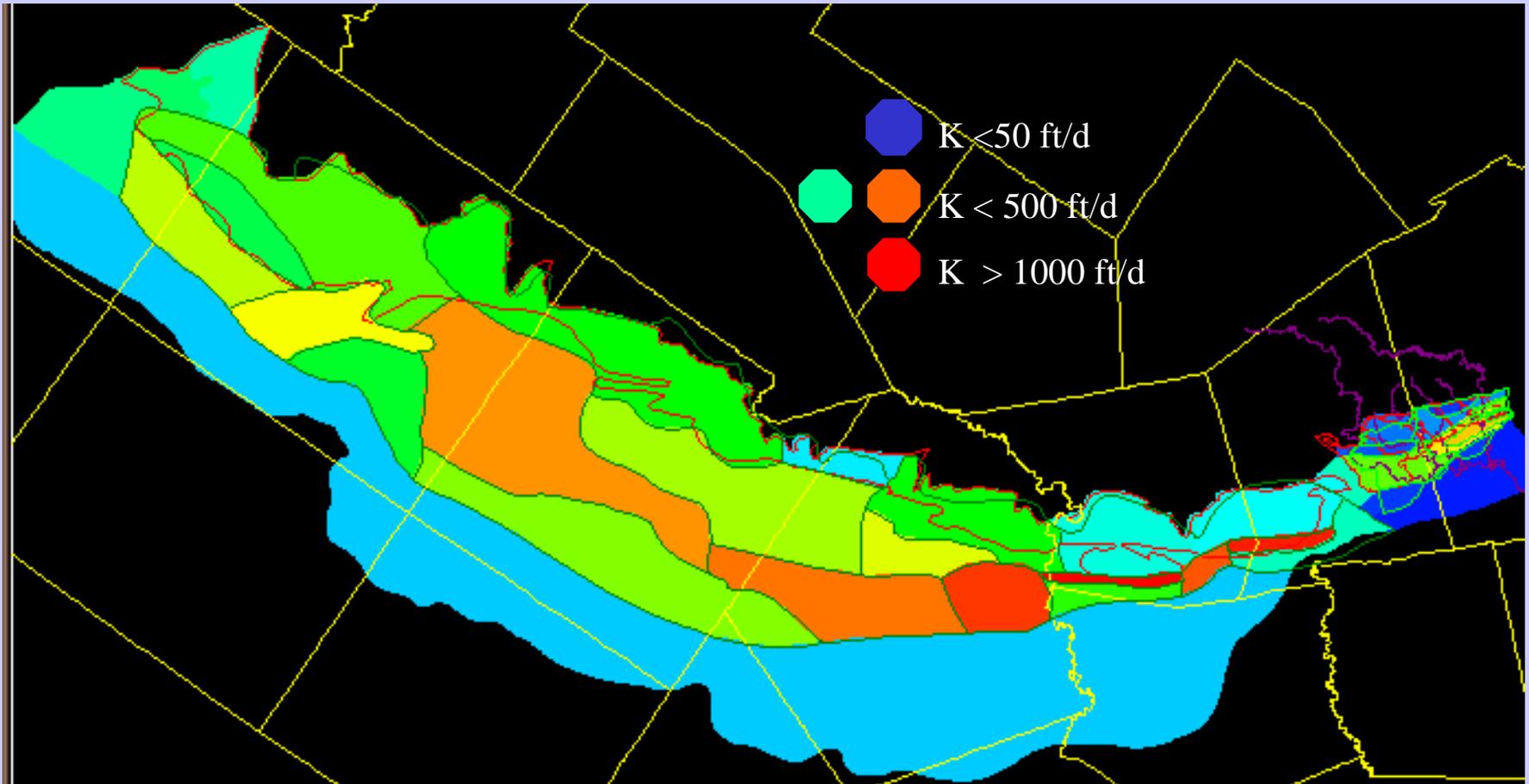


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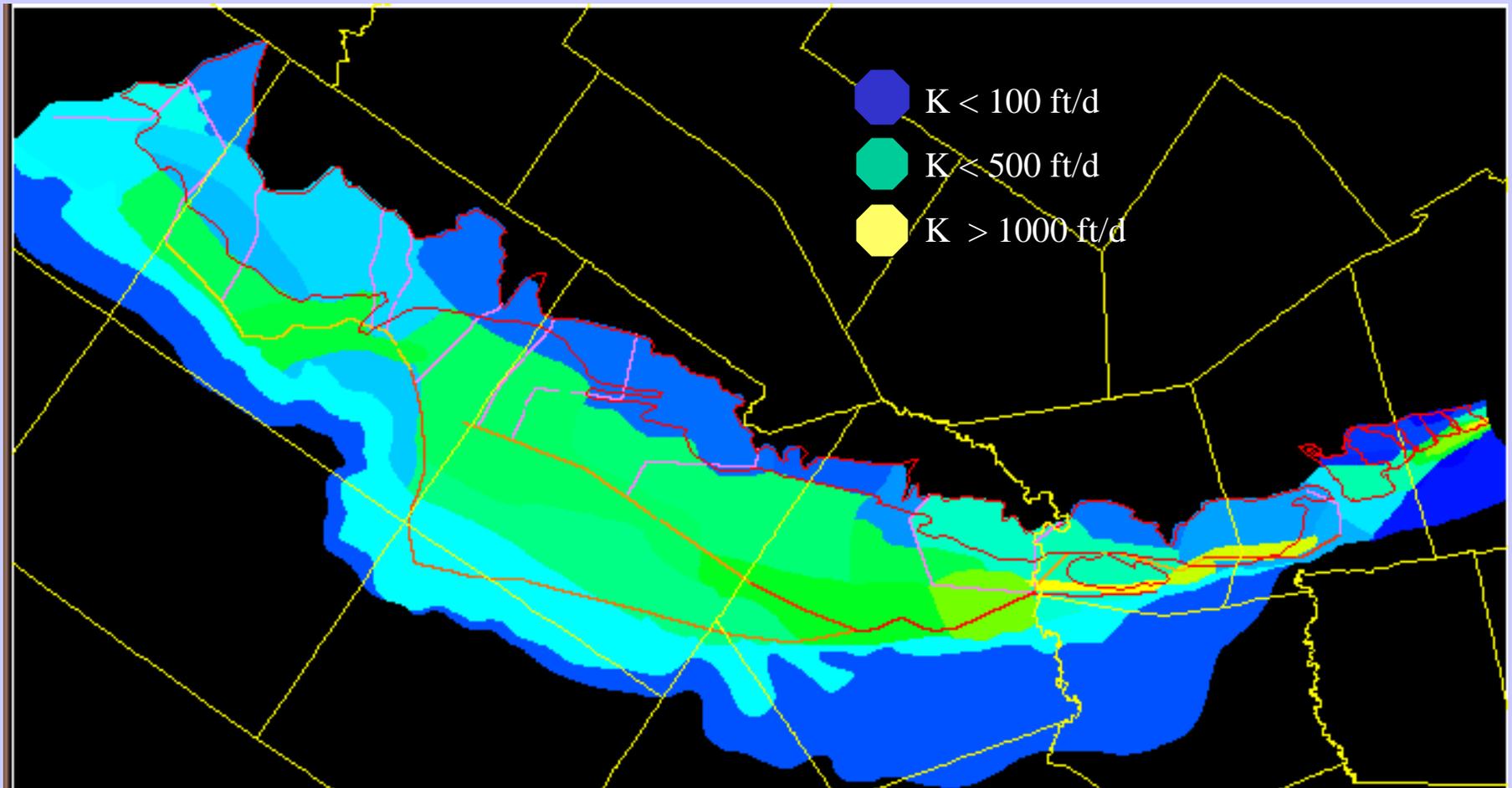
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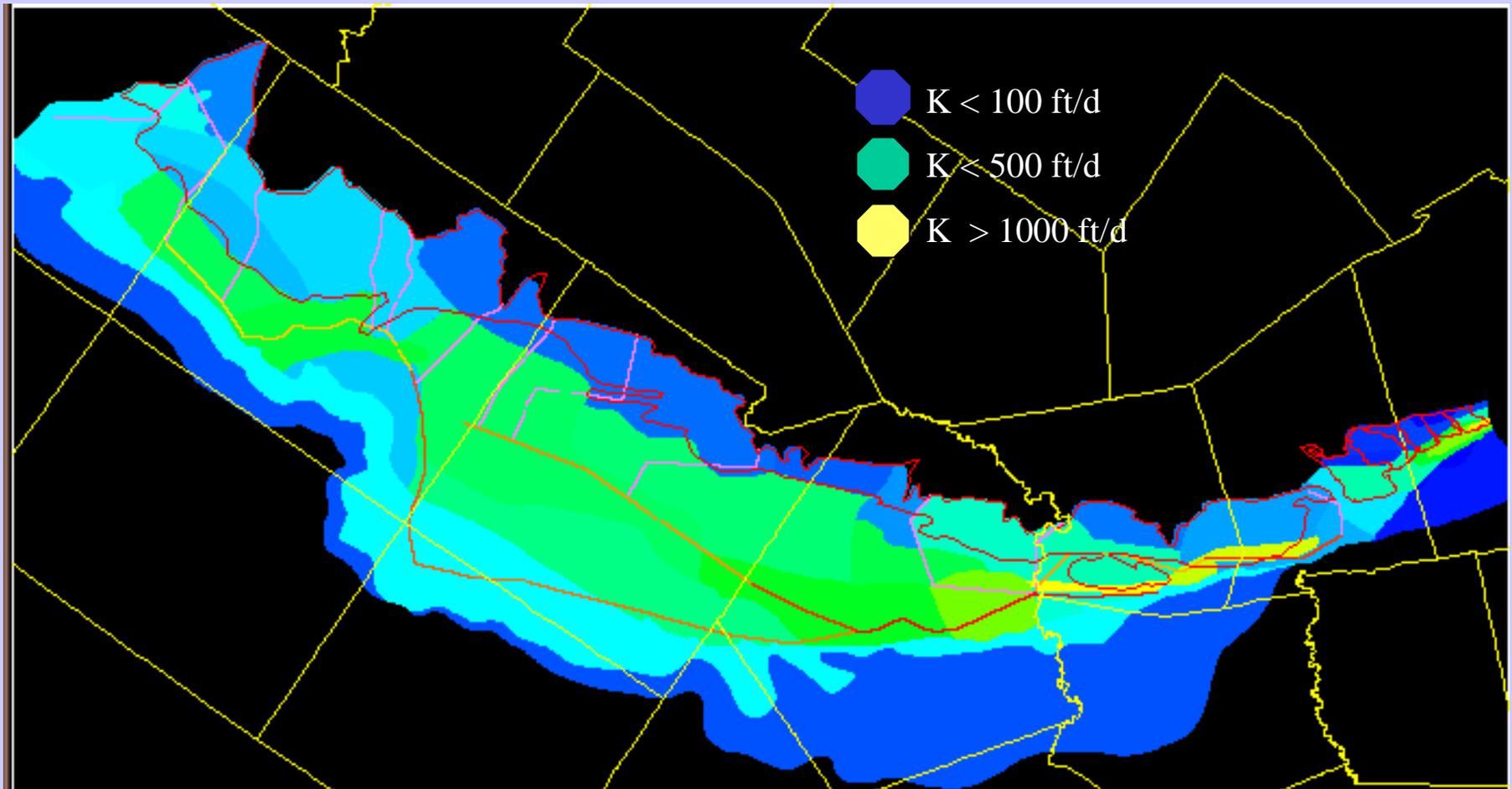
- Calibration period: 1939 – 1946
- Pre-1950's drought, minimal irrigation development
- Near-normal precipitation
- San Antonio precipitation:

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| normal (1961-90) | 30.98 in/yr |
| average 1939-46  | 30.47 in/yr |

# HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY ZONES

[K based on Maclay and Land (1988) + Conduits]

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# CALIBRATION REVISIONS

- Lowered hydraulic conductivity (K) in recharge zone
- Varied K of conduit segments
- Redistributed recharge
  - decrease Cibolo Creek, increase Blanco River
- Added barrier fault in Nueces recharge zone
- Varied K in saline water zone and Kinney County





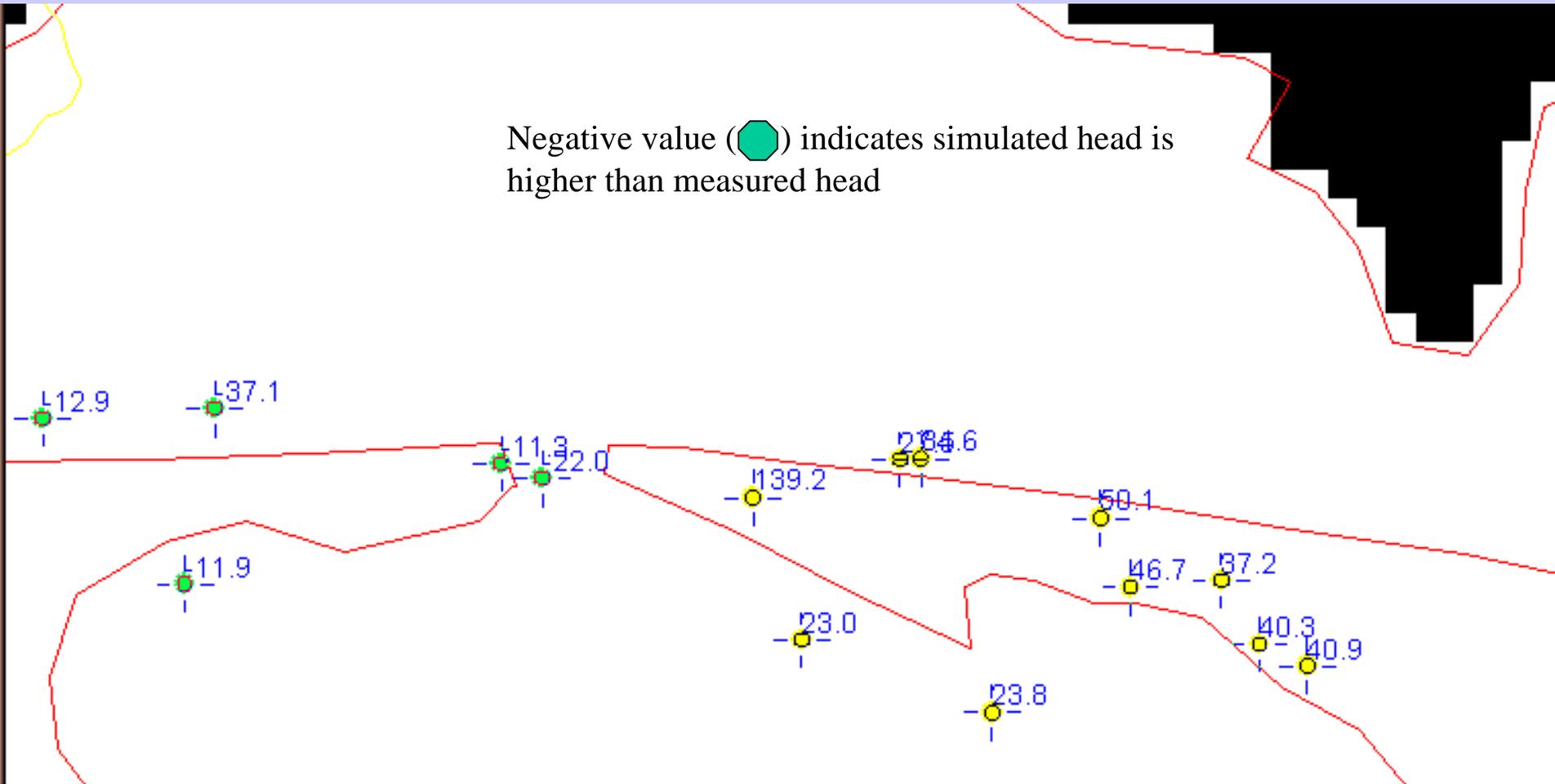




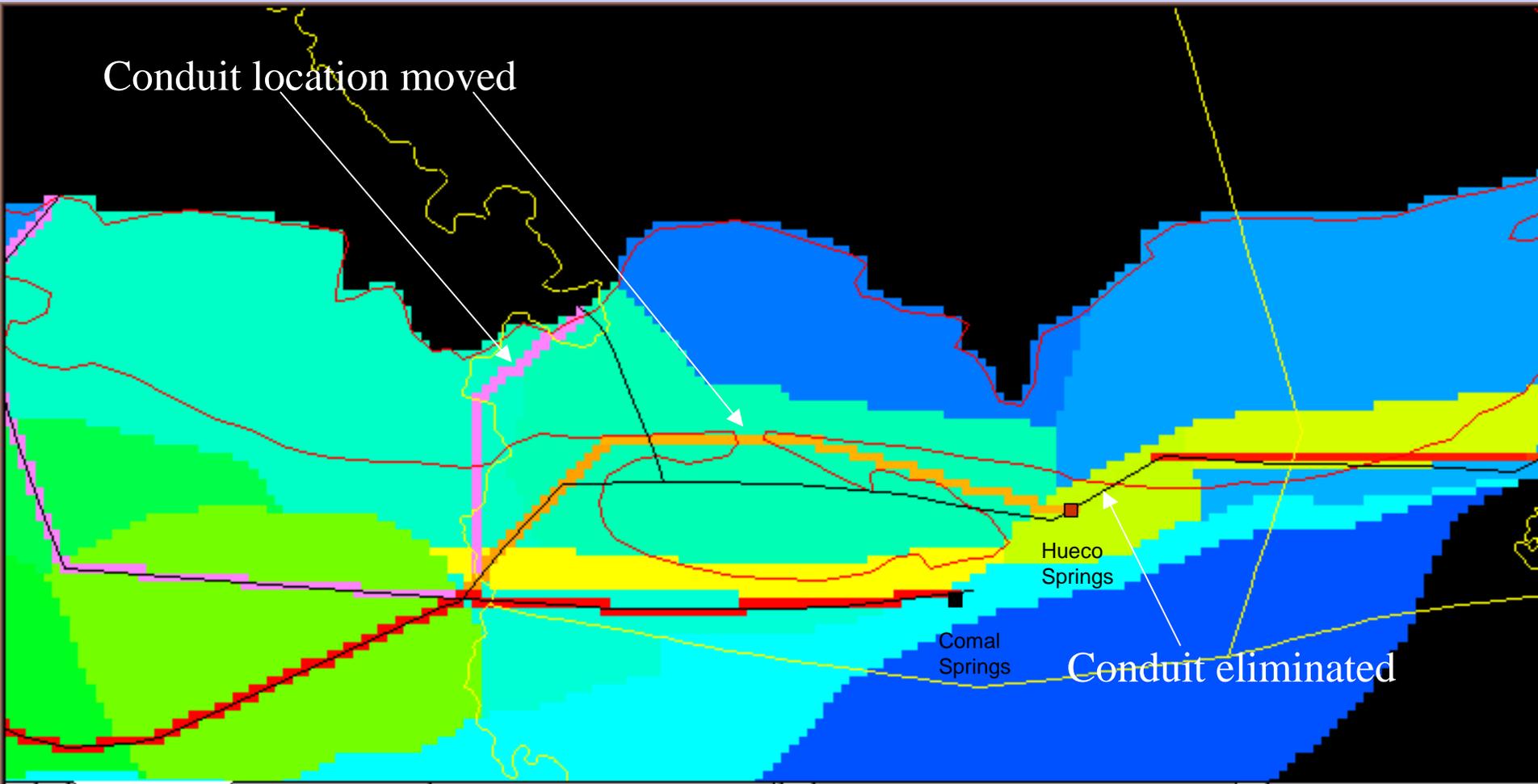
# HYDRAULIC HEAD RESIDUALS

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Negative value (●) indicates simulated head is higher than measured head

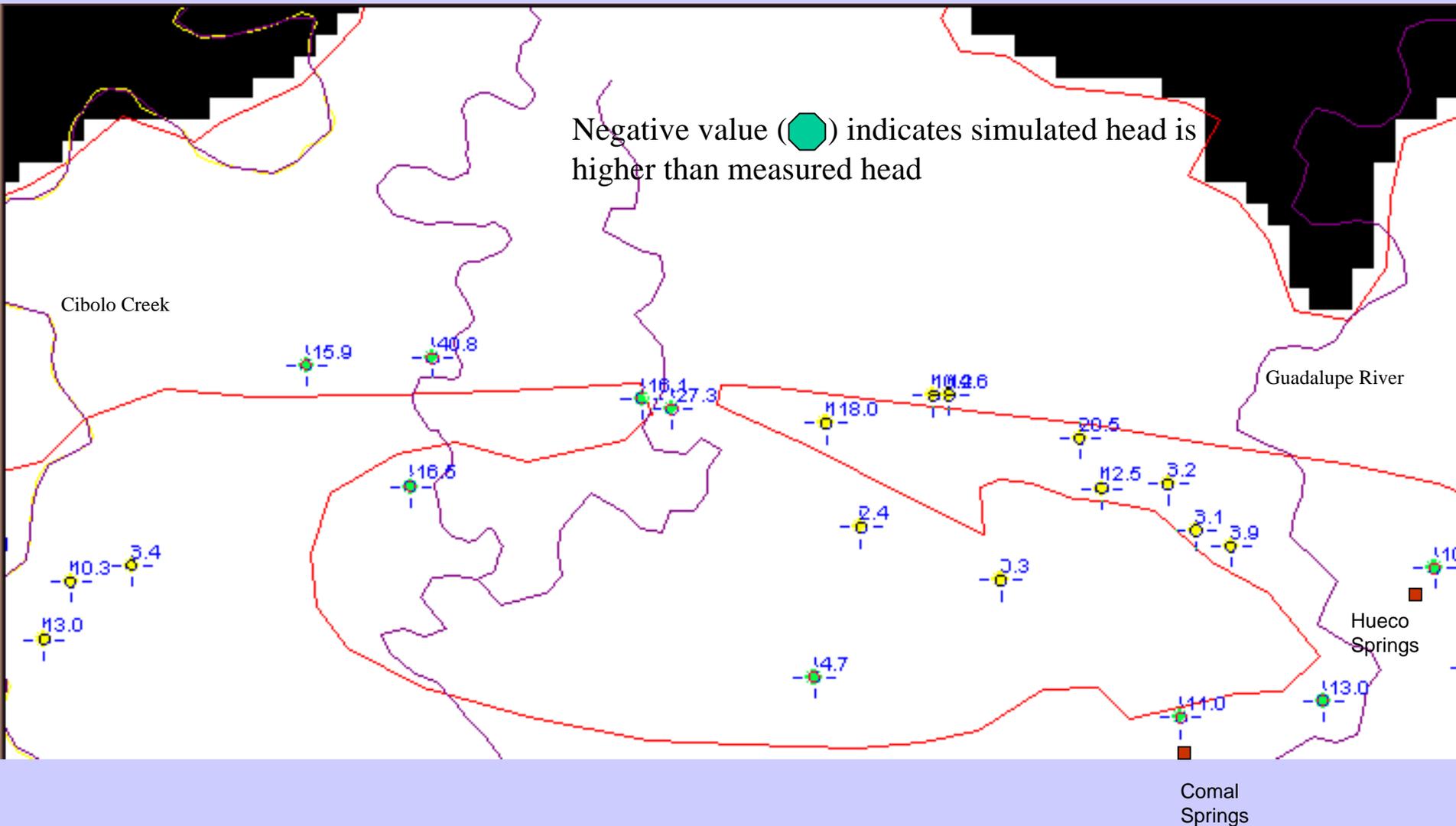


# CONDUIT LOCATION REVISIONS



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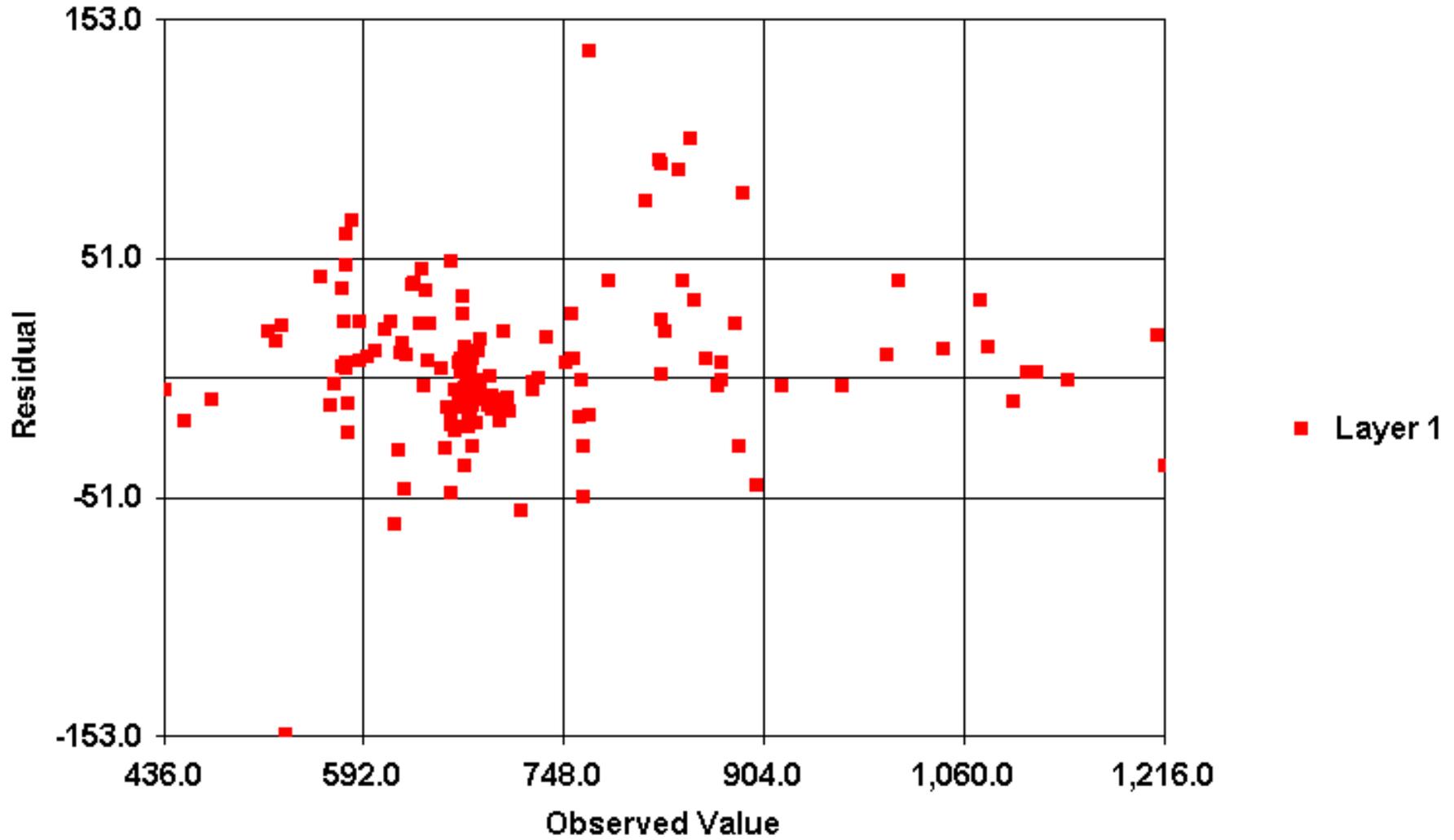
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# Observed vs. Residuals

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# STEADY-STATE CALIBRATION SPRINGFLOW

- 5 springs simulated:

|             | <u>Measured (1939-46)</u> |               |                 | <u>Simulated**</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|             | <u>Mean</u>               | <u>Median</u> | <u>Range***</u> |                    |
| Comal       | 333                       | 330           | 297 to 363*     | 332                |
| San Marcos  | 156                       | 152           | 137 to 167      | 145                |
| Leona       | 16.2                      | 15.5          | 14 to 17        | 12.7               |
| San Antonio | 15.4                      | 10.2          | 9.2 to 11.2     | 7.9                |
| San Pedro   | 6.6                       | 6.3           | 5.7 to 6.9      | 9.2                |

\*(Range of medians: 274 to 358)

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\*\*\* ( $\pm$  10 percent of median – GAM guideline)

STEADY-STATE SIMULATION RESULTS

| Parameter        | Target         | Calibrated<br>December 2001<br>GWMAP | Calibrated<br>March 2002<br>GWMAP | Calibrated<br>S/WFI (sq tests)<br>& Conduits | S/WFI (sq tests +<br>heads +<br>springflows) | Maclay K<br>Minimum 10 | Maclay K<br>Minimum 10<br>& Conduits | Calibrated<br>Maclay K<br>& Conduits |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Residual (ft)    | <5             | -2.5                                 | -8.2                              | 5.9  | -119   | -329                   | -0.9                                 | 2.3 (1.7)                            |
| Abs Res (ft)     | <20            | 17.7                                 | 24.8                              | 22.3   | 121  | 331                    | 27.2                                 | 19.5 (17.5)                          |
| GHB (percent)    | ~10            | 8.2                                  | 8.9                               | 8.1  | 7.2  | 3.2                    | 7.4                                  | 8.0                                  |
| Springs (ft/sec) |                |                                      |                                   |  |  |                        |                                      |                                      |
| Comal            | Mean: 333      |                                      |                                   |  |  |                        |                                      |                                      |
|                  | Median: 330    | 347                                  | 315                               | 349  | 118  | 228                    | 381                                  | 332                                  |
|                  | Range: 297-363 |                                      |                                   |  |  |                        |                                      |                                      |
| San Marcos       | Mean: 156      |                                      |                                   |  |  |                        |                                      |                                      |
|                  | Median: 152    | 142                                  | 165                               | 171  | 110  | 33                     | 138                                  | 145                                  |
|                  | Range: 137-167 |                                      |                                   |  |  |                        |                                      |                                      |

# STAGES IN MODELING PROCESS

- Conceptual model
- Model construction
- Calibration
  - steady-state
  - transient
- Verification
- Prediction

TRANSIENT  
DATA  
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# TRANSIENT DATA COMPILATION

## MODEL INPUTS

- STORAGE COEFFICIENT/SPECIFIC YIELD
  - (1) Maclay and Land (1988)
    - Confined zone of aquifer –  $1 \times 10^{-4}$
    - Unconfined zone of aquifer – 0.05
  - (2) Specific storage x Aquifer thickness
  - (3) Conduits – high storativity values

# TRANSIENT DATA COMPILATION MODEL INPUTS

- RECHARGE

- (1) San Antonio segment

- (a) USGS monthly recharge rates by basin

- (2) Barton springs segment

- (a) Scanlon and others (2000)

- (b) Based on Barton Springs flow prior to 1979

# TRANSIENT DATA COMPILATION MODEL INPUTS

- PUMPAGE
  - Preliminary data set developed by BEG
  - Subject to refinement during transient calibration
  - Types of wells:
    - (1) Municipal and public water supply
    - (2) Irrigation
    - (3) Industrial
    - (4) County-other (domestic)

# TRANSIENT CALIBRATION TARGETS

## HYDRAULIC HEADS

- Calibration targets
  - (1) Hydraulic heads - long-term record wells
    - County Index wells
    - match hydrographs
  - (2) Hydraulic heads - selected time periods
    - periods of above- and below-normal precipitation
    - match hydraulic heads for a set of wells

# TRANSIENT CALIBRATION TARGETS SPRINGFLOW

- 5 springs simulated:

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| San Marcos  | compiled  |
| Comal       | compiled  |
| Leona       | compiled  |
| San Pedro   | compiled* |
| San Antonio | compiled* |

\*Based on relation with index well J-17